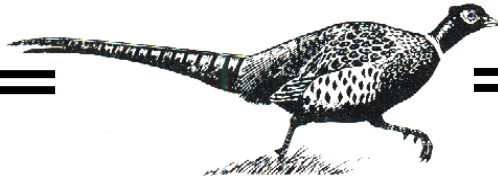




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Fall 2002 Junior Pheasant Hunts

Thirty special junior pheasant hunts are being offered to young hunters by the Department of Fish and Game and sportsmen's organizations. Pheasants for these special hunts were purchased by the Game Bird Heritage Program through the purchase of an Upland Game Bird Stamp by hunters, by sportsmen's clubs and with county fish and game fine monies derived from fish and game violations. Providing hunting opportunity and hunter access is a major goal of the Game Bird Heritage Program. All of the hunts are free. Hunters must be signed up or successfully drawn to participate in these hunts. Walk-up hunters will not be admitted.

The hunts will be held near the towns of Modesto (Mapes Ranch), Los Banos, Mendota, Springville, Lake Isabella and Taft. Twelve of the hunts are in cooperation with private landowners, the Success Lake hunt is on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land and the O'Neill Forebay and Mendota hunts are located on Department of Fish and Game wildlife areas. All of the hunts are supported by local sportsmen's organizations. These sportsmen's clubs include the Safari Club International, California Central Valley Chapter (Mapes Ranch, Modesto), Los Banos Sportsmen's Association and Quail Unlimited-Stockton Chapter (O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area), Fresno County Sportsmen's Club (Mendota Wildlife Area), Southern Tulare County Sportsman Association (Success Lake), Fish and Game Habitat Club (Lake Isabella), and the Taft Sportsmen's Club (Taft).

Junior hunters (Junior license holders) must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). The adult accompanying the junior hunter cannot hunt or carry a shotgun. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is **not** required of junior license holders. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to each hunt period.

How To Apply

Up to four junior hunters can apply as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and any other junior hunter(s) in your party: ① name, ② address, ③ daytime and evening telephone numbers, ④ 2002-2003 hunting license number, and ⑤ location (e.g., Taft), date and hunt period in order of preference. Hunters may apply only **once** for each hunt. Applying for the same hunt more than **once** will disqualify you from the drawing. An application is available to apply for the Modesto (Mapes Ranch), Mendota and O'Neill hunts only. **Only successful applicants will be notified.** For all other hunts, simply provide the information requested above and mail it to the **name and address of the hunt** you are applying for. Information about each hunt is listed on the next page. **Please note that your applications must be mailed to the proper address.**

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Junior Pheasant Hunts**

Location	Date and Hunt Period	Quota	Where to Apply and Deadline
Modesto, Mapes Ranch	Saturday, November 9, morning	25	Game Bird Heritage Junior Pheasant Hunts 1234 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 243-4005, extension 132 or 133 APPLY BY OCTOBER 18, 2002 BY 5:00 P.M.
Modesto, Mapes Ranch	Saturday, November 9, afternoon	25	
Modesto, Mapes Ranch	Sunday, November 10, morning	25	
Modesto, Mapes Ranch	Sunday, November 10, afternoon	25	
Taft	Saturday, November 9, morning	40	Taft Sportsmen's Club 901 Bell Avenue Taft, CA 93268 (661) 765-5584 (Taft Sportsmen's Club) APPLY BY OCTOBER 18, 2002 BY 5:00 P.M.
Taft	Saturday, November 9, afternoon	40	
Taft	Sunday, November 10, morning	40	
Taft	Sunday, November 10, afternoon	40	
Lake Isabella	Saturday, November 16, morning	30	Lake Isabella Junior Pheasant Hunt P. O. Box 127 Lake Isabella, CA 93240 (760) 379-3482 or (760) 379-8251 (Fish and Game Habitat Club) e-mail: reeduck@aol.com APPLY BY OCTOBER 25, 2002 BY 5:00 P.M.
Lake Isabella	Saturday, November 16, afternoon	30	
Lake Isabella	Sunday, November 17, morning	30	
Lake Isabella	Sunday, November 17, afternoon	30	
Mendota	Saturday, November 16, morning	25	Department of Fish and Game Junior Pheasant Hunts 1234 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 243-4005, 132 or 133 APPLY BY OCTOBER 18, 2002 BY 5:00 P.M.
Mendota	Saturday, November 16, afternoon	25	
Mendota	Saturday, November 23, morning	25	
Mendota	Saturday, November 23, afternoon	25	
Mendota	Saturday, November 30, morning	25	
Mendota	Saturday, November 30, afternoon	25	
Success Lake	Saturday, November 16, morning	50	Success Lake Junior Pheasant Hunt P. O. Box 89 Porterville, CA 93257 (559) 562-0982 (So. Tulare Co. Sportsman Assoc.) APPLY BY OCTOBER 25, 2002 BY 5:00 P.M.
Success Lake	Saturday, November 16, afternoon	50	
Success Lake	Sunday, November 17, morning	50	
Success Lake	Sunday, November 17, afternoon	50	
O'Neill Forebay	Saturday, November 16, morning	35	Department of Fish and Game Junior Pheasant Hunts 1234 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 243-4005, extension 132 or 133 APPLY BY OCTOBER 18, 2002 BY 5:00 P.M.
O'Neill Forebay	Saturday, November 16, afternoon	35	
O'Neill Forebay	Sunday, November 17, morning	35	
O'Neill Forebay	Sunday, November 17, afternoon	35	
O'Neill Forebay	Saturday, November 23, morning	35	
O'Neill Forebay	Saturday, November 23, afternoon	35	
O'Neill Forebay	Sunday, November 24, morning	35	
O'Neill Forebay	Sunday, November 24, afternoon	35	

This and additional information can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.